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1. There are at present a number of ships under construction at Gdansk designed for the shipment of coal and ore between Poland and Scandinavia. Built into each of these vessels is a very well hidden secret compartment suitable for hiding passengers. This is intended for the transport of Polish agents to and from Poland and for secreting "kidnapped" anti-Communist Polish refugees who are considered active enemies of the Polish government. One of the first ships of this type, of the LEWANT class, was the S.S. WARSAW, launched at Gdansk on 11 March 1950. It is being built by the Gdansk shipyard, "Gocznia-Gdanska".
2. According to a recent order of the U.B., all fishing boats, butters and other coastal vessels belonging either to the State or to private owners are to be painted yellow. By making the vessels visible from a great distance it is intended to make escape from Polish waters more difficult.

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